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TITLE: HIERARCHICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM PROVIDING
INTELLIGENT DATA, PROGRAM AND PROCESSING MIGRATION

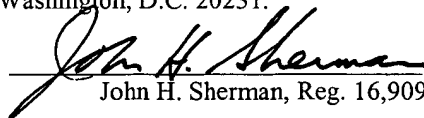
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

In response to the Official Action of March 14, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent, and the following amendments and remarks seeking to place the case in condition for formal allowance.

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